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false positive data being indicated by hybridization of [the target sequence] said first probe to the target sequence and by the absence of hybridization of said second [the reference sequence] probe to the reference sequence.--

Claim 33, line 3, delete "flurorophore" and insert --fluorophore--.


REMARKS

This amendment is filed for the sole purpose of placing this application in better condition for allowance. The language changes have been made to adopt specific suggestions of the Examiner or to avoid rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112 set forth in the final action. It is not intended to change the scope of the claim by the amendment.

These circumstances are deemed to constitute "good and sufficient reasons" why it is necessary as required by 37 C.F.R. §1.116(b).

The amendment was made in the course of preparing applicant's brief on appeal. It was not earlier presented because the specific need for the language changes which the amendment makes was not apparent until receipt of the final action.

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